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1. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH MOSHE MANDELBAUM, DG, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, ON DEC 5, HE SAID ISRAELIS HOPE TO INITIAL AGREEMENT WITH EC AT MEETING NEXT WEEK IN BRUSSELS. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL REMAINING DIFFERENCES TO NEGOTIATE BEFORE AGREEMENT IS REACHED. ONE UNCERTAINTY CONCERNS DUTY ON ORANGES, BOTH LEVEL OF CXT AND QUESTION OF UK STANDSTILL ARRANGEMENT. ISRAELIS HAVE HEARD THAT UK RECENTLY AGREED TO EC REQUEST TO ABOLISH STANDSTILL.

2. WHEN TOLD THAT EMBASSY HAD HEARD THAT MAGHREB STATES MAY BE SUCCESSFUL IN REJECTING REVERSE PREFERENCES, MANDELBAUM EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST AND STATED THAT, IF TRUE, ISRAEL WILL INSIST ON EXCLUDING REVERSE PREFERENCES FROM ITS AGREEMENT. MANDELBAUM WILL BE SECOND RANKING
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OFFICIAL ON ISRAELI DELEGATION HEADED BY AVRAHAM AGMON,

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE.
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